

# Comprehensive Grounding and Protection of Communication Sites One-Day Training Seminar

## **Course Summary**

A high-integrity grounding system is the single most effective means of assuring quality power distribution with a minimum risk exposure to transient spikes, noise, and lightning. This one-day course describes how all of the key elements of a communications site grounding and protection system function with emphasis on single point grounding techniques.

#### Who Should Attend

This course is designed for the communications professional whose job responsibilities include working with AC and DC systems powering critical equipment.

A prerequisite for attendance is a basic understanding of electrical theory and Ohm's law.

## What to Expect

The class meets from 8 am to 5 pm. Each student will receive a course manual that includes the figures, tables and graphs discussed during the presentation.

#### **Additional Training**

Upon request, a second day of hands-on Site Inspection Training may be added at a discount following this course. Site Inspection Training takes place at a client facility, where students will learn the principles and techniques to identify deficiencies in a site's electrical, grounding, and protection systems including visual inspection and using various field measurement instruments.

# Accredited for 0.8 Continuing Education Units. BICSI Certified.

#### **Course Outline**

#### Section 1: Basics of Grounding

- Purpose of Grounding
- Basic Grounding of AC & DC circuits
- Resistance and Impedance of Grounding Conductors
- Allowable Ground Current
- Purpose of Bonding

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Ground Loops

#### **Section 2: Grounding Electrode System**

- Earth Grounding
- · Conductivity of Earth
- The Grounding Electrode
- The Ground Ring
- Ground Radials
- Concrete-Encased- Electrode
- Grounding Electrode System
- Sizing the Grounding Electrode Conductor
- · Bending and Bonding of Grounding Electrode Conductor
- Compression and Exothermic Bonding
- Earth Ground Resistivity
- Earth Ground Resistivity Nomograph
- Earth Ground Resistance Testing
- Ground Continuity Measurement

## **Section 3: Site Grounding**

- AC Service Grounding
- Telephone Service Grounding
- Tower Grounding
- Tower Guy Wires Grounding
- Transmission System Grounding and Bonding
- Ice Bridge/Cable Tray System Grounding and Bonding
- Equipment Grounding
- Fence Grounding
- Emergency Back Up System Grounding
- Grounding of Surge Protection Devices
- Grounding of Lightning Protection System
- Shelter and Building Grounding
- Grounding of Rooftop Mounted Structures
- Cellular Site Grounding

#### Section 4: Equipment and Enclosure Grounding

- Equipment Ground Conductor for AC Circuits
- Equipment Ground Conductor for DC Circuits
- Isolated Ground Systems
- Equipment Ground Conductor Bending
- · Ancillary Equipment Grounding and Bonding
- Equipment Required to be Bonded
- Equipment Rack Grounding and Bonding

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- Cable Tray System Grounding and Bonding
- Battery Racks Grounding and Bonding
- ESD Grounding
- Halo Ground
- Transmission Lines Protection and Grounding at Entry Points
- Grounding of Surge Protection Devices

## **Section 5: DC Grounding Practices**

- Single Point Grounding Techniques of DC Equipment.
- Master Ground Bar (MGB)
- Frame/Logic Ground Bar
- Equipment Ground Bar
- Isolated Ground Bar
- Ancillary Ground Bar
- DC System Grounding
- Bonding to the MGB
- Location of the MGB
- Grounding of the MGB
- Typical Grounding of a Telecommunication Site

# **Section 6: Grounding of Signal Carrying Cables**

- Low Frequency Shield Grounding for Multipair Data Cables
- Multiple Grounding of Shielded Multipair Cables
- High Frequency Shield Grounding for Multipair Data Cables
- RS 232 Pin Assignment Table
- Grounding for RS 232 Cables
- Low Frequency Shield Grounding for Coax Cables
- High Frequency Shield Grounding for Coax Cables
- Cable Grounding for Multiple Buildings
- Optical Fiber Cable Shield Grounding

#### **Section 7: Surge Protection Devices (SPD)**

- Sources of Transient Overvoltages
- Gas Tube Technology
- Metal Oxide Varistor Technology
- Silicon Avalanche Diode Technology
- Normal Mode Protection
- Common Mode Protection
- Primary Protection Methods
- Secondary Protection Methods
- AC Service SPD
- Telephone Service SPD

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- Data Line SPD
- Transmission Lines SPD
- Tower Lighting SPD
- Typical SPD Protection for a Telecommunication Site

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- Consulting Design review and expert consultation on grounding, power distribution, and protection systems.
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